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BEST ASSET

Miss Rose Henderson On Care of Dependent Children.

Miss Rose Henderson, of Montreal, prominently connected with the juvenile court in that city, addressed a large audience in Wesley Church last evening on child problems. Miss Henderson, in the course of her address, advocated the abolition of "homes" for children, whose people are unable to support them, and pointed out the fact that the nation's greatest asset is its children, who will make the next generation, and everything should be done to train them to be good citizens. How dear children brought up in a home without a parent's care are expected to be as good as another who is brought up in the arms of his mother, she asked. She also spoke briefly of how these problems may be solved, and the welfare of the juvenile court in Montreal.

MAY NOT GET IT

Considerable Mystery Over \$18,000 Mayor Walters Claims.

Engineer Dilton and other officials of the Hydro department this morning declined to discuss the letter received from the Province last week, which was a demand for \$18,000, the sum of which is supposed to get back from the commission as surplus for 1915. Mayor Walters of this city has been accused of a recent amendment to the act, but it was intimated to him by other Hydro commissioners here that there was some doubt about all that going into the coffers of the municipality. It looks now as if the money will be some unpleasantness over the matter before it is settled.

SNOW BLOCKADE

Northern Pacific Coast Railroads Are Having Trouble.

(By Times Special Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Heavy snow, which began falling in the Pacific Northwest last night, and continues to today, increased the difficulties of all the northern transcontinental railroads, which, since Saturday, have been struggling with the worst winter conditions they have experienced since 1910. In Canada no overland railroads have moved on either the Canadian Northern or the Canadian Pacific, while on the American side of the boundary the Great Northern, a transcontinental line still, is kept up by the many avalanches which sweep down the mountain slopes. The Canadian roads have been closed since Saturday. The task of clearing the tracks has been retarded by a shortage of men, due to the large number of physically fit who have enlisted for service in the war.

LADY BRITONS

Civilians Interested in Germany Are Acting Meekly.

(By Times Special Wire.) London, Jan. 25.—The "Ladies of the League" are acting meekly in the face of the German Government's distribution of the report of the "strong" period of the war. The "Ladies of the League" are acting meekly in the face of the German Government's distribution of the report of the "strong" period of the war. The "Ladies of the League" are acting meekly in the face of the German Government's distribution of the report of the "strong" period of the war.

SCENE FROM "OMAR THE TENT MAKER," WHICH WILL BE SEEN IN THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK, WITH SATURDAY MATINEE.

ARRESTED FOR MARIJUANA GUARD

John Walton Fined \$5 for Disorderly Conduct.

Young Girl Given a Chance to Do Right.

Charged with assaulting Abraham Sebastian and his wife, Antonio Infante was fined \$5 by Police Magistrate Jells today, and ordered to secure two sureties of \$500 each to keep the peace.

Antonio resides at 41 Stuart street, and Abraham Sebastian at 100 St. James street. The defendant went to his home, and after expressing his thoughts in broken curves, tried further to demonstrate his ability with a wash-board. Tony pleaded not guilty, but as he was unable to give a good reason for the way he acted he had to take the penalty.

John Walton, 18 Burlington street, was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct. He was taken into custody at the Hotel Plant, where the military guards were on duty.

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OBITUARY

Funeral of Thomas Caldwell Will Take Place To-morrow.

Thomas Caldwell, who died suddenly on Sunday morning at 139 Fern street, will be buried on Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. at St. John's church.

He was a native of Hamilton, Ontario, and came from a good family in England, but the only relative he had in this city was a brother, who resided with an overcast contingent. His sister, Mrs. Arthur, of 100 St. James street, arrived in this city this morning and made funeral arrangements.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Collins took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 238 Campbell street, at 2 p.m. at St. John's church.

Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick officiated. The pallbearers were John Smith, James Moore and John Smith.

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Under the Second Empire

(By John Turkel.)

Henry Hitchcock after being graduated from a medical college in America, went to Paris, which was then the centre of medical science of the world, to complete his education. That was in the days of the second empire, and Paris was a gay city. An acquaintance with one of the American branch of the Boisserie family, who had been summoned by Napoleon III. to join him on his expedition to the throne of France, gained Hitchcock an introduction to the court circle.

One evening during a ball at the Tuilleries the American was sauntering through the apartments, crowded with the aristocracy of France. A couple, an elderly man, highly decorated, and a young girl, approached him.

The man was coarse looking; the girl was comely and refined. They were of the same blood, while the man appeared from his appearance to be of the girl's blood, she was plainly of the man's blood.

Hitchcock walked a young man, who on meeting the American, was introduced to him as a friend of his father's.

His salute was returned by a glance from the girl that clearly showed her dislike for him.

Since the young man's back was to the girl, she was not visible to him.

The doctor drew his inference, which was by no means doubtful, that the man had come between the young lovers.

This was the theme of the story; the story itself was not manifest.

The next day Hitchcock's friend called on him and asked him to set as attendant surgeon at a duel.

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A Russian Boy Hero

A special correspondent of the London Times in Poland writes: "No shocking hero. The Countess dropped his cigarette as it had burnt his lips, and came to the salute. The other, a Polish nobleman, seemed to come from somewhere near my elbow, and looking down, I saw beside me on the crowded platform a little child in the uniform of a Cossack officer. It was not much more than three feet high, and his face seemed to glow with a fiery light. He was standing nearly up to where, on his breast, two Goshes glimmered in the sun. The child struck twice the value of the adult. "Come, children!" the boy Cossack who had been looking at the platform gazing at him in a knot by the steps of their third-class carriage, climbed up, and as the Countess struck three times and the train began to move, the amazing little person swung himself about at the tail of the procession and followed his "children" into their stuffy quarters.

BOY OF THIRTEEN.

He is Mitia Turkhankin, and there are of him, with more details, I found out later, when some other flowers of the adult description went and got him out of the third-class and brought him into a part of the train which, comforted better with its standing as an officer and gentleman. Why was he travelling third class? Well, as men filled to have him with them, but it was certainly more comfortable here. He carried with him an admirable dignity, which did not seem in the least incompatible with the thirteen years in his head. I should have said him down to 10, but an officer's word is not to be doubted.

For all his dignity he was quite a friendly disposition, and he was soon free of all the comparisons of the French aristocracy. He knew his world, too, and the iron hand of discipline that had been in evidence on the platform of the station, was now appropriately concealed in the velvet glove. He was an admirer of his father, who was a Cossack officer, and he was a Cossack officer, and he was a Cossack officer.

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99 PER CENT. OF IMPORTS IS NOT LEGAL

Almost All Matter Taken by Britain Is Proved to be Contraband of War.

SLICK SCHEMES

To Evade the Blockade, and Also to Blacken Britain's Reputation.

London, Jan. 24.—Evidence of the extent to which Germany was employing the medium of first-class registered mail for the export and import of every kind of merchandise was shown to the Associated Press correspondent today by the postal censor.

The huge floors of a big building in the Kingsway were taken up with tables, on which were loaded articles taken from mail sacks—rubber, jewelry, chemicals, small parts of machinery, postcards and propaganda of all sorts.

The censor told the correspondent that since the rigorous investigation of mails had been commenced it had been found that not one per cent. of the outgoing mail from Germany was legitimate, but that it was employed either to spread propaganda or to blacken a semblance of German trade with the rest of the world.

In the propaganda section was found every sort of literature conducive to spreading the German cause—matter written in every language, mostly designated for the United States and South America. The latter continent was usually reached through Spain, where a thoroughly developed organization exists. Quantities of publications in Arabic indicate the most extensive attempt to stir up trouble in the Moslem countries. These were mostly sent from Holland.

Particularly clever devices resorted to was in the case of Ford's book, "Criminal England." This had a false cover of the League of Nations. The first few pages were actual reprints from the convention; then Ford's book began. Another piece of slyness was a pamphlet entitled "British Rule in India," purporting to be published in behalf of the Indian National party by a London publisher who does not exist.

The efforts of the German manufacturers of small goods to maintain and hold their trade was particularly extensive, especially in regard to South America. All sorts of Portland cement, from cheap bricks to gold and platinum cigarette cases and lighters have been seized in huge quantities.

In one package there were twenty-two empty ring boxes with the name of a Havana jeweler printed on the satin lining. The censor's theory was that the South American firm dealing in these goods assumed that they could always be supplied with the same article, they had been receiving prior to the war. The discovery was a sort of answer to the effectiveness of England's blockade.

Postage on all these articles, which were registered, was excessive, but the censor evidently felt that they could stand the present expense in order that the grip on trade which they had been enjoying for years should be lost.

The cleverest device used by one of the firms to notify its customers that goods shipped had been sent by the same steamer, was an apparently innocent French fashion magazine with numbered illustrations. These illustrations were really an account of goods shipped, the numbers indicating articles consigned.

Small bound books for Germany showed an equally lavish use of registered mail. Over 16,000 pounds of rubber, stamped "samples without value," was taken from two steamers from South America. The rubber was enclosed in padded packages, postage on each costing about eleven pence—twenty-two cents. Many of these were placed in the same sacks labelled by the South American postal authorities, "newspapers." Attempts to smuggle rubber and other articles inside the newspapers, were common.

Evidence of the shortage of large consignments seized, shown up in small packages, the postmaster of England, exceeded the value of the mail in England.

ONLY THE CONTRABAND.—The censor was insistent that legitimate matter was not interfered with, but only matter which violates the postal conventions. As an example he said that while members of interned German ships could not legally be considered prisoners of war, yet England so considered them and permitted all their parcels to be forwarded without interference in the case of the German use of the mails.

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HAMILTON MEN FOR HAMILTON

Slogan to be Adopted by the Recruiting League.

Clergy to be Asked to Hold Meetings Sunday Evenings.

"Hamilton Men for the City of Hamilton Battalion" will be the slogan of the publicity committee of the Hamilton Recruiting League for next week, and at the meeting of the executive tonight they will discuss the slogan to be adopted. The war was decided upon at a meeting of the city committee yesterday afternoon. The lack of men in the military was decided to approach the military authorities with the proposition that regular work of special effort be made, with special recruiting officers doing duty. Their mission will be to get the men to go to the front, as much as it will be to get Hamilton men for Hamilton units.

On Sunday evening next an open recruiting meeting will be held in the Temple, on the two Sundays following meetings will be held in the city.

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CLUBS WILL DO THEIR PART RECRUITING

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in the Y. M. C. A. Building to Organize.

THE 120th FIRST.

And Then Raise Men for 173rd Canadian Highland Battalion.

Practically every organization of men in the city of Hamilton will lend its assistance to recruiting. This was evidenced at the meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. last evening, at which 64 different clubs, athletic, church and social—were represented, some by two delegates, others by one. The delegates were practically unanimously of the opinion that the military authorities should undertake to recruit the club members to enlist. The clubs will provide the names and addresses, vocations and home life, if any, of the club members.

Mayor Weir presided at the gathering, and in opening made a short address, referring to the great work already done at the front by Hamilton men, and dwelling on the need for more men and still more men at once.

Major J. H. Huggins, chief recruiting officer; Major S. J. Huggins, of the 120th City of Hamilton Battalion; Major H. H. Huggins, of the Hamilton Recruiting League; S. J. Washington, K. C. and Rev. G. W. Martin were the speakers. Their remarks were along the line that all men who could should go.

Col. Robertson touched on the need to stimulate recruiting in some manner. At the present time the number of soldiers being sent to the front was not sufficient to meet the demand from this city. He believed that the organization being given birth would do a lot of good work in bringing home to those men who yet had not realized it the utter necessity of their enlisting.

Major Huggins stated that the 120th City of Hamilton Battalion needed men to complete their organization. At no time would sight be lost of the fact that the clubs should be organized together, and they would be placed in one section, together.

Mr. Washington was another who believed that all young men who could should go, and that they should not be thought back considering the matter either.

Rev. Mr. Martin made an excellent speech in which he said that the men were required for the 120th. After that would come the 173rd. Then there would be the 174th, and if they were not organized together, the 173rd would be a full company could be organized for the 120th, which was a great deal of a handicap.

By Captain Cragie Wright. If the organization met with the success he hoped for, they could consider the organization of a complete battalion. And at least they could provide one or two companies. Recruiting at the present time was a standstill. The recruiting officials had used every means known to them to encourage the young men to enlist. The fighters were not forthcoming. He was a strong advocate of different clubs enlisting together, each, even platoons, and if possible whole companies. But few clubs would be able to do the latter. However, friends of the club members must desire to go in with them, and they would be welcome.

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Labor Denounces Prohibition

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"Experience has shown the folly of Prohibition wherever it has been tried, and that saloons can be regulated by law. There is not a city in Maine where a stranger cannot go and buy all the beer and whiskey that he wants. There is no attempt whatever to disguise the fact that these places are operating in violation of the law."

Wisconsin Labor

The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor declared:

"In no uncertain terms to all officials (legislative and executive) elected by the votes of the wage earners, that a stringent stand should be taken against any and all measures that lead to Prohibition."

Portland Labor

The Portland, Oregon, Central Labor Council resolved that the effort to bring about state-wide Prohibition "be discouraged and vigorously opposed."

Edward Hirsch

Edward Hirsch, President of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, said before a Committee of the Maryland House of Delegates:

"All this temperance legislation proceeds on the theory that those who patronize saloons or take a drink are weak or irresponsible, and need a guardian. If you are to pass such laws as to drink, where will it stop? The next step will be to tell us what we must eat, or smoke, or wear."

Indiana Labor

The Indiana State Federation of Labor appeals to its membership "to decline to vote for, or aid in any manner whatever, any party or organization that has for its purpose the restricting of the rights of personal liberty of the men and women of the state."

South Dakota

The trade unions of South Dakota call Prohibition "An infamous and obnoxious measure."

Label Trades

The Label Trades Department, one of the most important departments of the American Federation of Labor, at its annual convention in San Francisco, in a resolution introduced by the representative of the United Garment Workers and seconded by the representative of the Boot and Shoe Workers, declared that prohibition produces dire where an illicit traffic is carried on, not only resulting in the loss of revenue, but also creating a contempt for all law.

British Labor Opposes Prohibition

And so one might go through the long roll of states. And not the States alone, but Great Britain as well, the labor organizations of which, with such leaders as Ben Tillett and others, are directly opposed to Prohibition.

By the way, this is what Col. Goethals, who built the Panama Canal, said to an official visitor who rather criticised the Government for selling liquor in the Canal Zone:

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"Our workmen have got to have their liquor, and if we do not sell it to them, they are going to get it elsewhere."

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